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**PRESS RELEASE**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
PROVIDES TRAINING TO BANGLADESHI PROSECUTORS**

**DHAKA, FEBRUARY 7** – From February 3-6, 2013, a team of five prosecutors from the U.S. Department of Justice provided trial skills training to 24 Assistant Public Prosecutors from the Dhaka Metropolitan Public Prosecutor's Office. The Trial Skills Training Program supports the U.S. Embassy's commitment to enhancing the rule of law in Bangladesh and the U.S. Department of Justice's continuing efforts to provide technical assistance and skills development to prosecutors and police in Bangladesh.

This was the fourth iteration of this program in Dhaka, and with its completion, nearly 100 Assistant Public Prosecutors in Dhaka have received training from the U.S. Department of Justice. The four-day program focused on enhancing the prosecutors' trial preparation and advocacy skills, while encouraging greater cooperation among prosecutors and police. The training consisted of lectures and workshops in which the Assistant Public Prosecutors practiced new skills and received feedback from the team of experienced visiting U.S. prosecutors. The program culminated in a mock trial with the Assistant Public Prosecutors implementing the new skills that they obtained during the program.

The Trial Skills Training Program is part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Prosecutorial Development, Assistance, and Training's (OPDAT) worldwide efforts to enhance the rule of law and the effectiveness of the justice systems in partner countries. OPDAT currently has three American prosecutors working full-time in Bangladesh to conduct training programs like this and to provide technical assistance related to Bangladesh's laws on criminal procedure, financial crimes, and terrorism.

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